

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 5, 7-10, and 13-17 have been amended. New claims 18-22 have been added.

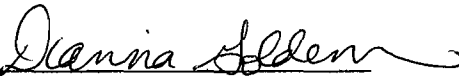
Claims 3, 7-10, and 13-17 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claim 5 has been amended for clarification. Claims 8 and 15 have also been amended to correct a typographical error by replacing the term "halide levulinate" with --levulinoyl halide--. *See, e.g.*, Specification at p. 18, line 22 to p. 19, line 8. Support for new claims 18-22 is found in original claims 7-9. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-22 are pending and at issue.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

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